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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Phase II report was developed under the direction of the NSRP and Panel SP-4 of SNAME,² through a contract from MarAd³ administered by Newport News Shipbuilding. It was developed from survey responses from North American shipyards related to process variation normally achieved in various ship construction processes. Only a small number of yards queried responded to the requests for data, so the results are not statistically significant in representing the whole of the North American shipbuilding industry. However, four of the yards that did respond have recent experience in commercial construction, so the results represent, to some extent, the accuracy likely to be achieved as North American shipyards get back into the commercial market.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the past twelve years, accuracy control programs have been implemented by many U.S. shipyards following the methodology used successfully in Japan. The goals of these programs have been to reduce production costs through less rework, improve performance of the finished products as a result of higher quality workmanship, reduce construction time, utilize material more efficiently, and continuously improve processes through statistical methods. Most applications of accuracy control in U.S. shipyards have focused on structural steel fabrication, assembly, and erection processes, because controlling these processes can greatly reduce the cost and duration of structural *and* outfitting work.

In order to successfully implement an accuracy control program, it is necessary to verify that processes are under control, and to determine the "normal" accuracy of these processes. If processes are not under control, steps must be taken to eliminate identifiable influences. To verify accuracy of processes, sampling plans must be developed that define the measurements to be taken, how these measurements will be made, the sample size desired, and how standard ranges and tolerance limits will be established. Once this data is collected and analyzed, shipyards can assess their own quality levels and initiate improvement actions where necessary. If industry averages for equivalent processes are known, shipyards can compare their process variations with these average or normal process variation levels to help judge the success of their accuracy control programs.

The U.S. Shipbuilding Accuracy Phase I project was developed to both monitor the accuracy levels of various steel construction processes and to provide industry averages for these processes against which U.S. shipyards could compare their own accuracy levels. While Phase I obtained data for some of the steel processes identified in the Japanese Shipbuilding Quality Standard (JSQS), others process averages were not determined prior to project completion due to a lack of data. In these cases, the JSQS standard ranges and tolerance limits were reported. In addition, statistically valid data were received from only three shipyards. This created the need for a Phase II project, which attempted to reverify the accuracy levels presented in Phase I, carry out accuracy measurements for additional processes, and broaden the base of shipyards participating in this accuracy survey.

The survey that was used to request the accuracy data was divided into three sections: 1) questions pertaining to data already collected for the Phase I report; 2) questions pertaining to data that was copied from the Japan Shipbuilding Quality Standard for the Phase I report, and which was desired from North American shipyards for this report, and 3) questions pertaining to

new process areas, such as pipe bending and painting. This survey was sent to twenty-eight shipyards including all eight U.S. Navy yards.

Only eight of the twenty-eight yards queried responded to the requests for data. One of those yards, however, was Saint John Shipbuilding of New Brunswick Canada, a regular member of the SP-4 Panel, so the report has been retitled "*North American* Shipbuilding Accuracy Phase II." *Phase II* was used to refer back to the Phase I project. The following yards supplied data and have their input included in the data sets in Appendix A:

Avondale Industries, Inc., New Orleans, LA
Bath Iron Works Corporation, Bath, ME
BethShip, Sparrows Point, MD
Leevac Shipyards, Inc., Jennings, LA
National Steel & Shipbuilding Co., San Diego, CA
Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA
Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, MS
Saint John Shipbuilding, New Brunswick, Canada

Due to the limited number of responses to the survey and the resulting small sample sizes for process data, the results are not statistically significant in representing the whole of the North American shipbuilding industry. However, four of the eight yards that responded are key, large yards with recent experience in commercial construction, so the results are at least somewhat representative of the accuracy likely to be achieved as the U.S. industry attempts to reenter the commercial market.

The remainder of this report is divided into three sections. Section II contains the basic definitions for data in the blocks of the appendix. Section III is a discussion of the data and a commentary on some of the data that did not fit directly onto the data report form. Section IV is the conclusion, which describes the benefits from the project. The actual accuracy figures are in Appendix A.

II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are similar to those presented on each survey data sheet *key*. *These* keys were provided as a basic guide to filling out the survey. These definitions apply to the data presented in Appendix A.

Process Description - A description of the process that was used to make the part or assembly.

Example: N/C Flame Burning for flat panel parts.

Manufacturing Level - A pictorial description of the item being measured and the dimensions desired.

Measurement Device and Accuracy - A description of the measurement device and the accuracy that is expected of it.¹

Example: Steel Tape at+ or - 1/32"

Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSCS(mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS(mm)
Steel Tape 1/32"	Length - L # respond:6	± .083 in	± .134 in
1 / 6 "		± 2.11 mm	± 3.40 mm
		J: ± 3.5	J: ± 5.0

Figure 1

¹An except from page A-1 of the Appendix is shown as Figure 1 to better define these categories of data.

Measurement - A description of the measurement indicated in the diagram.

#Responded - This is the number of shipyards that actually presented data for that particular measurement.

Standard Range - The standard range is that part of the process variation that falls within two standard deviations of the average measured dimension, representing a 95.44% probability of occurrence for a process with a normal statistical distribution. Most ranges provided were in inches; those that were not provided in inches have been converted to inches.

Tolerance Limit - The tolerance limit is that part of the process variation that falls within three standard deviations of the average measured dimension, representing a 99.73% probability of occurrence for a process with a normal statistical distribution.

JSQS For reference purposes, accuracy standards from the Japanese Shipbuilding Quality Standard (1991) are listed for each measurement that compares to a JSQS measurement. All JSQS numbers are listed in millimeters below the dotted line on the data sheets in the Appendix. For the part fabrication figures on page A-2, "PI" numbers are listed. The PI numbers refer back to data gathered for the Phase I report for the "Deviation from fitted length" area. In the "Squareness of end cut" area, very little data was gathered and it was not in a consistent form, so no data has been reported.

S.P.C. used: Y / N - Indicates whether Statistical Process Control has been used as a regular part of the process for measuring that particular level of manufacturing.

III. DISCUSSION

The data received from the survey is presented in Appendix A. Only eight of the twenty-eight yards queried responded to the requests for data, so the results are not statistically significant in representing the whole of the North American shipbuilding industry. Some of the data areas have no responses, many have only one or two and are listed for interest, not from a statistical significance.

In the original survey, the values for pipe bending asked for were t_1 , t_2 , and the ratio of t_1 to t_2 . The responses received were in many different forms and the data was very difficult to compare. To consolidate the responses and make the data easier to compare, the data presented on page A-10 in the Appendix has been converted into percentage wall thinning for bending of pipes. **The formula used for this is: $(1 - t_2/t_1) \times 100$. The pipe sizes reported in the survey ranged in diameter from 22.5 mm (2 in) to 90.2 mm (8 in). Materials reported were Cu, CuNi, Stainless Steel, and Steel.**

Two interesting aspects of the data stand out. First, very few of the responding yards are actually using statistical process control, at least not on the processes surveyed. Second, a steel tape is still the most common form of measurement tool, but the accuracy of measurements achieved range from **$\pm 1/16$ inch to $\pm 1/64$ inch. Only one form of advanced measurement is listed for the processes surveyed, and that is a simple transit.**

For comparison purposes, accuracy standards from the Japanese Shipbuilding Quality Standard, produced by the Society of Naval Architects of Japan,² are listed where measurements are comparable.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The accuracy data in this report provide a representation of process variances normally achieved in normal shipbuilding practice. Perhaps more importantly, it represents a benchmark against which shipyards can judge accuracy of their processes. Even yards that did not participate can get an idea of which dimensional measurements may be taken to better understand accuracy control problems; these yards may also be able to contribute to a Phase III survey.

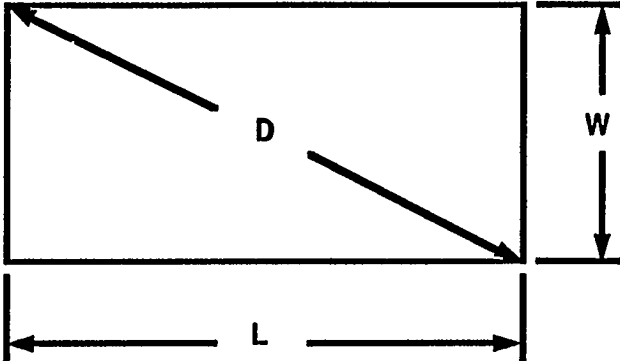
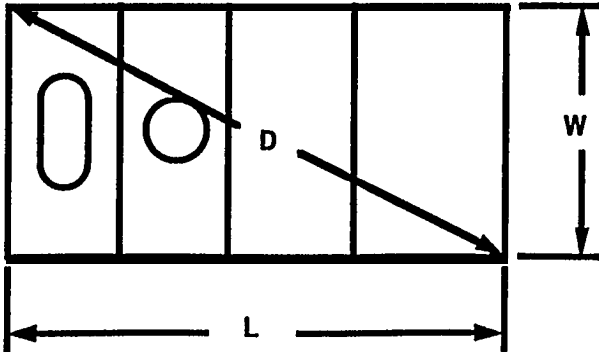
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APPENDIX A

NORTH AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING ACCURACY DATA

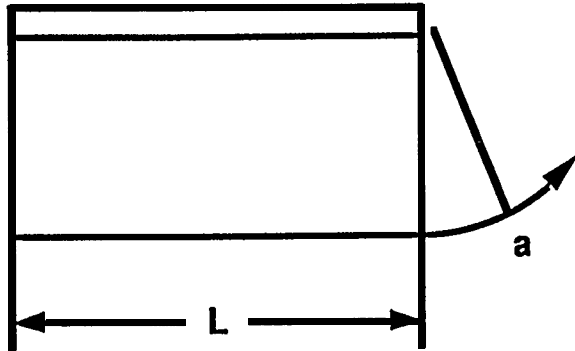
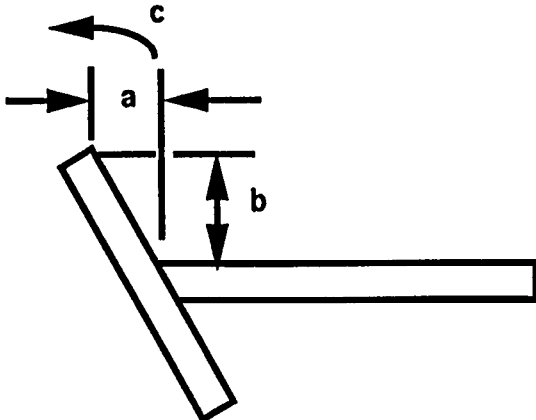
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FIAT PANEL

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSCS(mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS(mm)
4 of 6 NC Flame 2 of 6 NC Plasma	PART FABRICATION 	Steel Tape $\frac{1}{32}"$ or $\frac{1}{16}"$	Length - L # respond:6	$\pm .083$ in ± 2.11 mm J: ± 3.5	$\pm .134$ in ± 3.40 mm J: ± 5.0
		Same	Width - W # respond:6	$\pm .042$ in ± 1.06 mm J: ± 3.5	$\pm .080$ in ± 2.04 mm J: ± 5.0
		Same	Diagonal - D # respond:4	$\pm .117$ in ± 2.97 mm N/A	$\pm .173$ in ± 4.40 mm N/A
		s.P.C. used: 2Y/4N			
	FLAT PANEL ASSEMBLY 	Same	Length - L # respond:4	$\pm .126$ in ± 3.20 mm J: ± 4.0	$\pm .183$ in ± 4.64 mm J: ± 6.0
		Same	Width - W # respond:5	$\pm .228$ in ± 5.78 mm J: ± 4.0	$\pm .336$ in ± 8.54 mm J: ± 6.0
		Same	Diagonal - D # respond:3	$\pm .246$ in ± 6.24 mm J: ± 4.0	$\pm .358$ in ± 9.10 mm J: ± 8.0
		.P.C. used: 1Y/3N			

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STRUCTURAL SHAPES

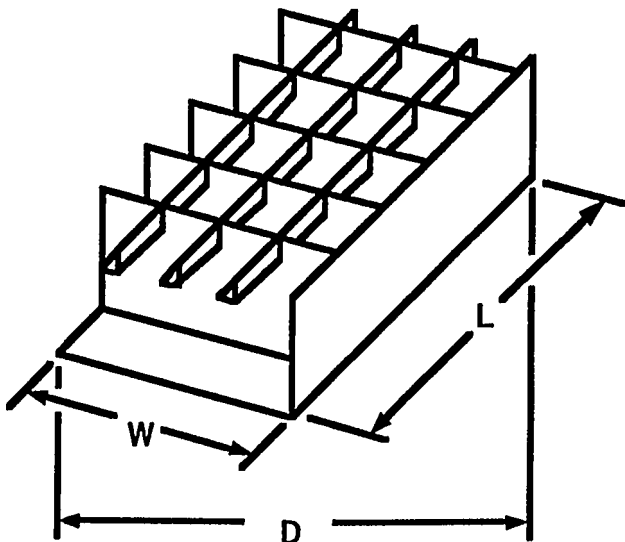
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NC Plasma and Shears	PART FABRICATION 	Steel Tape 1/32" or 1/16"	Deviation of Fitted Length - L #respond: 3	± .073 in ± 1.86 mm PI: ±3.3	± .127 in ± 3.21 mm PI: ±5.0
		Same + Straight Edge and Square	Squareness of End cut Angle a #respond: 2	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
S.P.C. used: 0Y/2N					
	BUILT UP MEMBERS 		Angular Deviation of Face Plate Ratio a/b #respond: 0	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
			OR Angle c #respond: 0	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
S.P.C. used: Y / N					

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FLAT PANEL

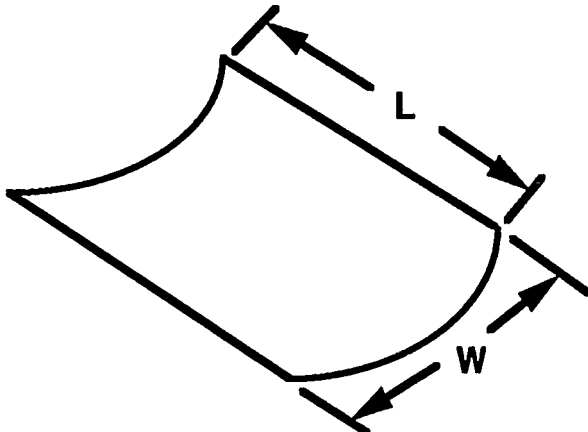
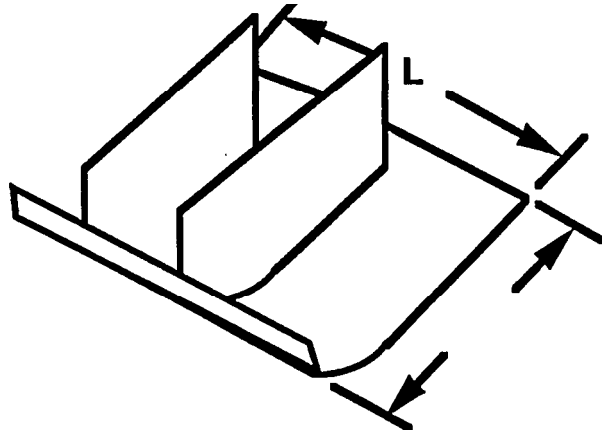
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NC and manual marking, plate panels set and tacked, flux core manual welding	SEMI-BLOCK AND BLOCK ASSEMBLY:		Length - L #respond:5	± .190 in ± 4.83 mm J: ± 4.0	± .283 in ± 7.19 mm J: ± 6.0
				± .325 in ± 8.26 mm J: ± 4.0	± .498 in ± 12.6 mm J: ± 6.0
				± .139 in ± 3.52 mm N/A	± .296 in ± 5.82 mm N/A

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Section II

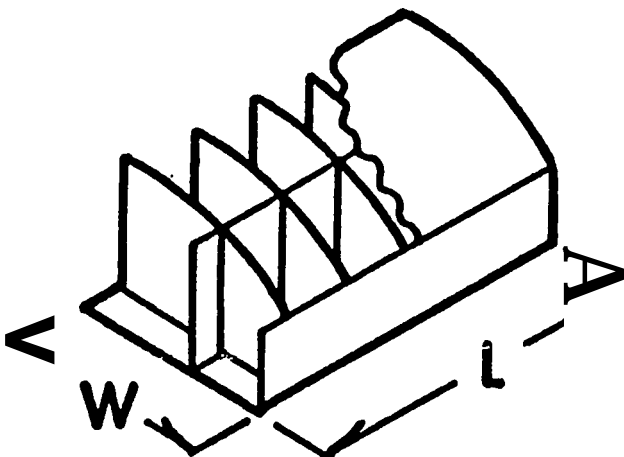
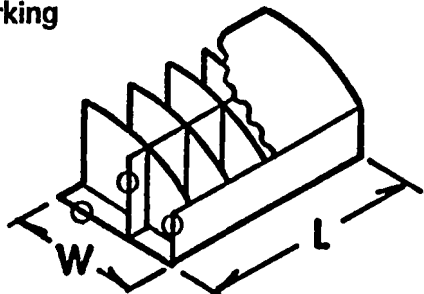
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CURVED PLATE

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement #/ Responded		Tolerance Limit JSQS (mm)
Plate Rolls	PART FABRICATION 	Steel Tape 2 at 1/32" 1 at 1/16'	Length - L #respond:3	$\pm .299$ in ± 5.82 mm J: ± 4.0	$\pm .347$ in ± 8.82 mm J: ± 8.0
			Width - W #respond:3	$\pm .184$ in ± 4.67 mm J: ± 4.0	$\pm .312$ in ± 7.92 mm J: ± 8.0
S.P.C. used: 0Y/2N					
NC and manual marking, fitted and tacked, manual flux core welding	SUB-BLOCK ASSEMBLY 	Steel Tape 2 at 1/32" 1 at 1/16'	Length - L #respond:4	$\pm .182$ in ± 4.61 mm J: ± 4.0	$\pm .317$ in ± 8.05 mm J: ± 8.0
		Same + Templates	Width - W #respond:4	$\pm .213$ in ± 5.41 mm J: ± 4.0	$\pm .347$ in ± 8.81 mm J: ± 8.0
S.P.C. used: 1Y/2N					

NORTH AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING ACCURACY PHASE

CURVED PLATE

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range ISOS (mm)	Tolerance Limit ISOS (mm)
Bulkheads fitted and welded to flat plate then set into curve plate which is on pin jigs	SEMI-BLOCK AND BLOCK ASSEMBLY 	Steel Tape 2 at 1/16" 1 at 1/32"	Length - L #respond:3	± .200 in ± 5.08 mm J: ± 4.0	± .305 in ± 7.75 mm J: ± 8.0
		Same	Width - W #respond:3	± .199 in ± 5.05 mm J: + 4.0	± .303 in ± 7.69 mm J: + 8.0
S.P.C. used: 1Y/2N					
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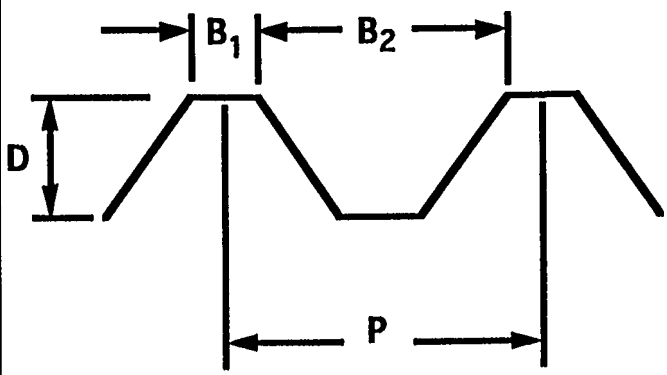
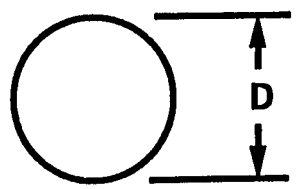
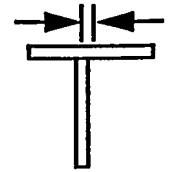
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FLANGED PLATE

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSQS (mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS (mm)
Hydraulic press 1 with radius corner dies	PART FABRICATION 	Steel Tape 2 at 1/16" 1 at 1/32"	Flange Width - W #respond:3	$\pm .177$ in ± 4.50 mm J: ± 3.0	$\pm .292$ in ± 7.42 mm J: ± 5.0
		Same	Section Height - H #respond:3	$\pm .095$ in ± 2.40 mm J: ± 3.0	$\pm .168$ in ± 4.27 mm J: ± 5.0
		Same + Template	Accuracy of Bend - X Inches per 4 in or mm per 100mm #respond:3	$\pm .112$ in ± 2.4 mm J: ± 2.5	$\pm .225$ in ± 4.8 mm J: ± 4.5
S.P.C. used: 0Y/3N					
	PART FABRICATION 		Curvature A in Plane of Flange in per 33 ft mm per 10m #respond:2	$\pm .745$ in ± 18.9 mm J: ± 10	± 1.18 in ± 29.9 mm J: ± 25
			Curvature in Plane of Web - B #respond:2	± 1.06 in ± 2.69 mm J: ± 10	± 1.65 in ± 41.9 mm J: ± 25
S.P.C. used: 0Y/1N					

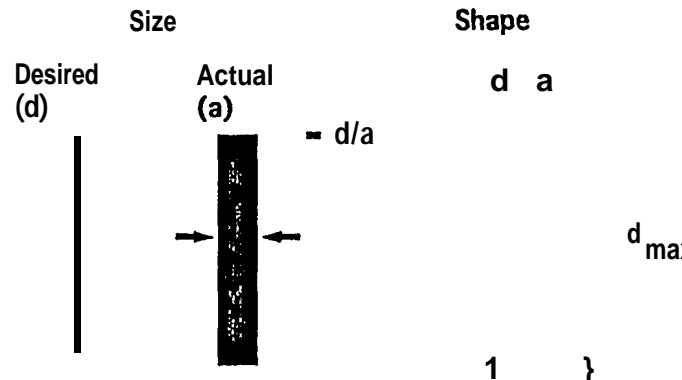
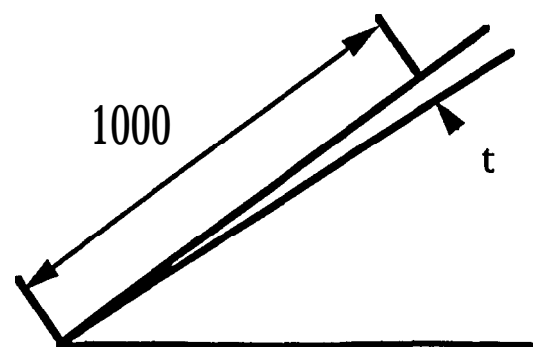
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PART FABRICATION

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSQS (mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS (mm)
NC plasma cut 500T Press Break	CORRUGATED PLATE 	Steel Tape 1/16"	Depth of Corrugation D #respond:1	± .188 in ± 4.76 mm J:± 3.0	± .375 in ± 9.53 mm J:± 6.0
		Steel Tape 1/16"	Width of Corrugation B1 B2 #respond:1	± .250 in ± 6.35 mm	± .375 in ± 9.53 mm
		Steel Tape 1/16"	Pitch of Corrugation P #respond:1	J:± 3.0	J:± 6.0
Plate Roller	ROLLED PLATE 	Steel Tape 1/32"	Diameter D #respond:1	± .062 in ± 1.57 mm J:± D/200	± .125 in ± 3.18 mm J:± D/150
	PLATE SECTION 	Steel Tape 1/16"	Face Plate Misalignment X #respond:1	± .125 in ± 3.18 mm J:± 1.5	± .188 in ± 4.76 mm J:± 3.0

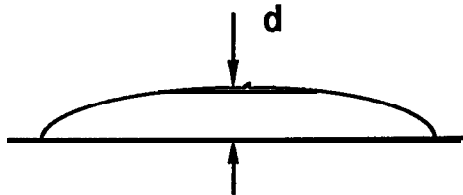
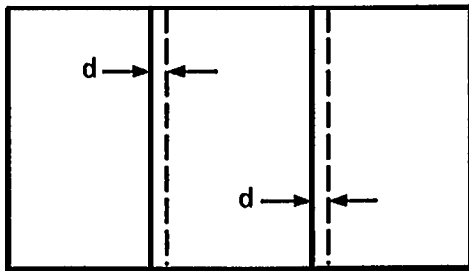
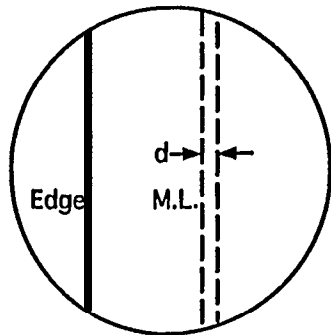
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MARKING: Cutting and fitting lines
lines for general Hull Members

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSQS (mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS(mm)
NC Scribe Air Driven Punch	SIZE AND SHAPE OF LINES 	Steel Tape Straight Edge 1/16"	Size	$\pm .063$ in ± 1.59 mm J: ± 2.0	$\pm .063$ in ± 1.59 mm J: ± 3.0
			#respond: 1		
			Shape d	$\pm .063$ in ± 1.59 mm J: ± 1.5	$\pm .063$ in ± 1.59 mm J: ± 2.5
\$P.C. used: OY/1 N					
NC Scribe Air Driven Punch	ANGLED LINES 	Steel Tape Straight Edge 1/16"	Corner Angle - t	± 2.6 in ± 6.60 mm J: ± 1.5	± 5.2 in ± 13.2 mm J: ± 2.0
			#respond: 1		
5.P.C. used: OY/1 N					

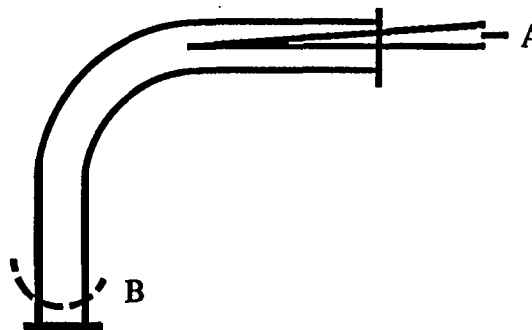
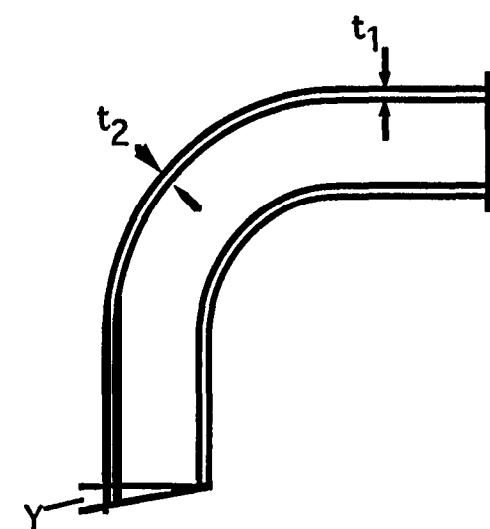
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	CURVATURE 		Curvature d	N/A	N/A
S.P.C. used: Y / N			#respond:0	J:± 1.0	J:± 1.5
	MEMBER LOCATION 	Steel Tape 1 at 1/16" 2 at 1/32" 1 at 1/64"	Member Location d	± .152 in ± 3.87 mm	± .198 in ± 5.02 mm
S.P.C. used: 2Y/1N			#respond:4	J:± 2.0	J:± 3.0
	BLOCK CUTOFF MARKING (Field) Ref. Page 5 		Block Edge Cut-Off Marking d	N/A	N/A
S.P.C. used: Y / N			#respond:0	J:± 2.5	J:± 3.5

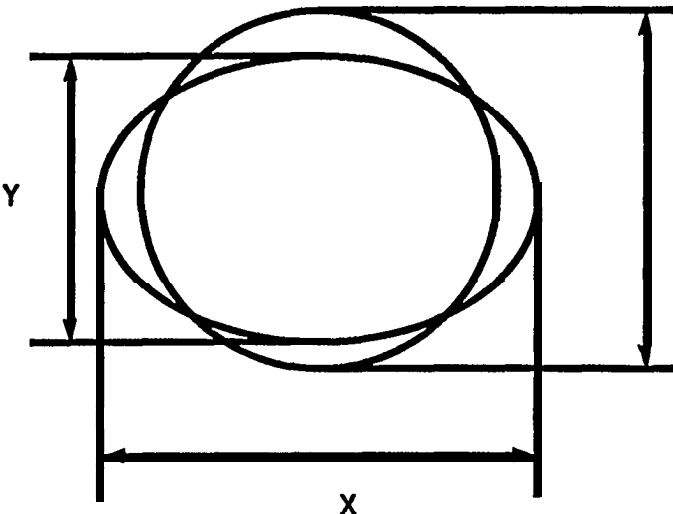
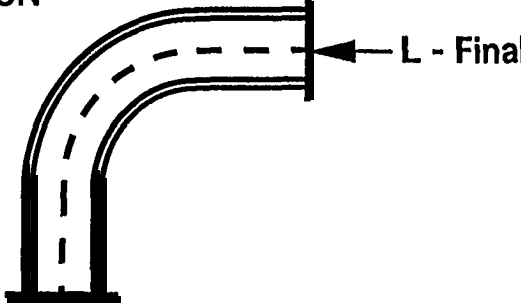
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PIPE BENDING

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSQS (mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS (mm)
Rotary Draw Bender	Simple Bends Specify Bend Diameter 	Protractor $\pm .5^\circ$	Deviation from desired bend angle Angle A #respond:2	$\pm 1.12^\circ$	$\pm 1.41^\circ$
		Steel Tape 1/64"		N/A	N/A
		N/A	Torsion along Length Angle B	N/A	N/A
S.P.C. used: 2Y/0N					
Same		Ultrasound $\pm 3\%$	Thickness - t_1	N/A	N/A
		Same	Thickness - t_2	N/A	N/A
		Same	Wall Thinning* $1 - \frac{t_2}{t_1} \times 100$ #respond:3	$\pm 12.4\%$	$\pm 15.8\%$
		Same	Pipe Flange Distortion Angle Y	N/A	N/A
S.P.C. used: 0Y/3N					

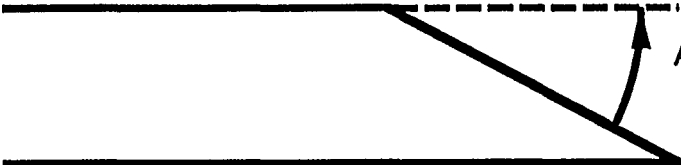


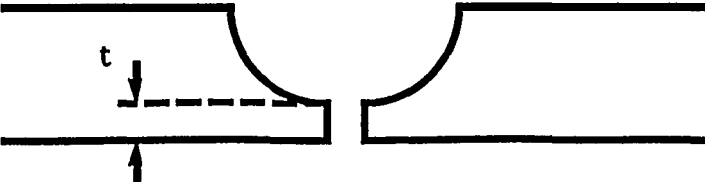
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PIPE BENDING

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSQS (mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS (mm)
Rotary Draw Bender	CIRCULARITY 	Calipers 1/16"	Diameter across Major Axis X #respond:1	± 1.92 in ± 48.7 mm N/A	N/A N/A
		Same	Diameter across Minor Axis Y #respond:1	± 1.86 in ± 47.3 mm N/A	N/A N/A
		Same	Diameter of undistorted Pipe D #respond:1	± 1.90 in ± 48.2 mm N/A	N/A N/A
S.P.C. used: 1Y/N					
Same	ELONGATION 	Steel Tape 1/64"	Elongation due to bending	± .510 in	± .036 in
			L - original	± 1.30 mm	± .91 mm
			L - final		
			#respond:2	N/A	N/A
S.P.C. used: Y/2N					

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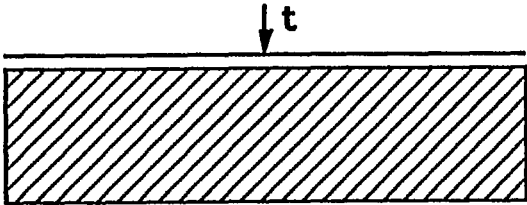
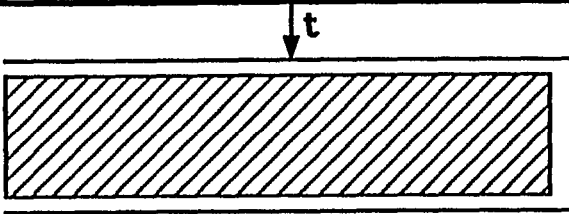
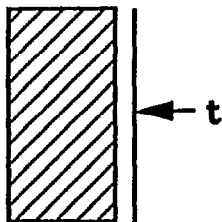
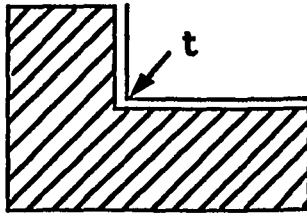
EDGE PREPARATION

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	M m Accuracy	Measurement	Standard Range	Tolerance Limit
NC Flame Planing		Bevel Gauge $\pm .5^\circ$	Angle - A	$\pm 1.00^\circ$	$\pm 3.00^\circ$
S.P.C. used: I Y/N			#respond:1	J: $\pm 2.0^\circ$	J: $\pm 4.0^\circ$
Same		Steel Tape 1/32"	Length - B	$\pm .031$ in $\pm .79$ mm	$\pm .063$ in ± 1.59 mm
S.P.C. used: I Y/N			#respond:1	J: ± 1.5	J: ± 2.0
Same		Steel Tape 1/32"	Thickness - t	$\pm .031$ in $\pm .79$ mm	$\pm .063$ in ± 1.59 mm
S.P.C. used: I Y/N			#respond:1	N/A	N/A
			Thickness-t	N/A	N/A
S.P.C. used: Y / N			#respond:0	N/A	N/A

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PAINT THICKNESS

Dimensional Units: Mils

Process Description	Manufacturing Level	Measurement Device & Accuracy	Measurement # Responded	Standard Range JSQS (mm)	Tolerance Limit JSQS (mm)
Air Spray		Electric or Magnetic Gauge $\pm 5\%$	Thickness - t	± 12.0	± 23.9
S.P.C. used: 1Y/2N		Wet Film Gauge	#respond:3	N/A	N/A
Same		Same	Thickness - t	± 16.1	± 20.2
S.P.C. used: 0Y/2N			#respond:2	N/A	N/A
Same		Wet Film Gauge	Thickness - t	± 7.6	± 20.2
S.P.C. used: 1Y/0N			#respond:1	N/A	N/A
Same		Electric or Magnetic Gauge $\pm 5\%$	Thickness - t	± 16.1	± 20.2
S.P.C. used: 0Y/2N		Wet Film Gauge	#respond:2	N/A	N/A